

God Bless You  
at Christmas

# The Elba Clipper

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## CC BOE members make more hires that to fully staff transportation department

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education met Thursday evening, Dec. 9, for its regular monthly meeting, and personnel recommendations made by the superintendent brought some good news for the system's transportation department.

Prior to making her personnel recommendations to the board, Superintendent Kelly Cobb said with the recommendations she would be making at the meeting, the transportation department would be fully staffed for the first time in over two years. She said this was an exciting announcement to make because everyone knows how difficult it is to get bus drivers these days.

Currently, the superintendent said New Brockton Schools have 17 bus routes, Zion Chapel has nine bus routes, and Kinston School has four bus routes.

"We are running around 30 buses every day," Cobb said. "With tonight's hires, if we can maintain this, we will be in a much stronger place with our transportation department overall than we have been in a while."

In making the personnel recommendation to the board, two additional bus drivers were hired during last Thursday night's meeting. James Starks and Anthony Fulmer were hired as bus drivers for the school system.

Other personnel actions recommended by Cobb and approved by the board included

- Approval of a resignation from Madeline Bemiss Levasseur, a teacher at New Brockton High School;

- Approval of the employment of Shelby Turner, teacher at Zion Chapel Elementary School;

- Approval of the resignation of Rebecca Green, secretary/bookkeeper at New Brockton Elementary School;

- Approval of the transfer of Greg Lee from 11-month custodian contract to 10-month custodian contract;

- Approval of the transfer

Coffee County Commission announces holiday schedule during meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission met Monday morning, Dec. 13, and commissioners voted to accept a proposal to timber to be cut at the county landfill.

County administrator Rod Morgan said proposals had recently been accepted to have some timber cut at the landfill. He said Glenwood Forest Products provided the highest proposal for this project and recommended awarding to Glenwood Products.

Commissioners voted unanimously to award the proposal.

Morgan also noted as he addressed commissioners that Coffee County offices

of Jeanette Boley as a bus driver for New Brockton to bus driver for Zion Chapel.

- Approval of employment of Ashley Grantham as a secretary/bookkeeper for New Brockton Elementary; and

- Approval of employment of Jessie Jacobs and Kayla Hilburn as CNP workers at Zion Chapel.

Also, during the meeting, board members adopted a resolution for the 2021 Southeast Alabama Regional Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. They also approved a proposed Time and Effort Policy for the board.

Superintendent Cobb presented a Student Incident Report for review. She said it is presented at publicly each time at the board meeting, on the system's websites, and would be presented at the Parent Advisory

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**GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY...**The Foggy Bottom Cruisers organization presented a check last Wednesday, Dec. 8, to the Elba Library for just over \$3,700. This was profit from the Foggy Bottom Cruise-In car show held recently in Elba. According to event organizer Kenneth Calhoun, the check presented last week brings the total the club has donated to the Elba Library from such events to almost \$10,000 over the past three years. Elba Library director Jennifer Amalong said she plans to use the funds donated last week to help begin the process of having old editions of The Elba Clipper newspaper [currently on microfilm at the library] transferred to a digital format. Those pictured above are Foggy Bottom Cruisers members Jerry Roberts, Larry Goodson, Elba Library director Jennifer Amalong, and Foggy Bottom Cruisers member Kenneth Calhoun. Club members not able to be in attendance for the check presentation were Greg Corder and Lee Stricklin.

would be closed Friday, Dec. 24, and Monday, Dec. 27, for the Christmas holidays. Also, he said the offices would be closed Friday, Dec. 31, for the New Year's Day holiday.

Regarding the holidays, environmental services director Mike Thornton said there would be no changes to the residential garbage pickup services during the holidays.

Upon recommendation of county engineer Marty Lentz, a motion was approved to vacate a portion of County Rd. 411.

Also, upon petition of a landowner, Lentz asked commissioners to approve starting the process to vacate another portion of

County Rd 173 (formerly County Road 100). He said a portion of that road already had previously been vacated when it was County Road 100 and the road was changed to County Rd 173 after that. Now, a landowner has petitioned for another portion to be vacated.

Commissioners approved the request. A legal notice on the matter can be read on Page 7 of today's paper.

Commissioners approved a request of the sheriff's department to award a bid to S&P Communications to equip a 2021 Ford Interceptor Utility. The cost of this will be \$5,021.

Commissioners and other county leaders wished everyone a Merry Christmas prior to adjourning Monday's meeting.

## Area Happenings

**THE CITY OF ELBA OFFICES** will be closed Thursday, Dec. 23, and Friday, Dec. 24, for the Christmas holidays. The garbage truck will run its normal routes on these days.

**ZION CHAPEL HIGH SCHOOL AND COFFEE COUNTY SCHOOLS** will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony Monday, Dec. 20, at 6 p.m. for its new gymnasium. All are invited to attend. The school is located at 29256 Highway 87, Jack, Ala.

**THE CITY OF ELBA OFFICES** will be closed Friday, Dec. 31, in observance of the New Year's Day holiday. Any customers that experience an issue with their utilities at this time should call the Elba Police Department at (334) 897-2555. The garbage truck will run its normal schedule.



Elba Christmas Parade "Best Entry" Winner!

The annual Elba Christmas Parade was held Monday evening, Dec. 13, after being delayed a week due to inclement weather on Dec. 6th, and excitement filled the air as more than 70 parade entries made their way through the streets of downtown Elba. The grandstands for the parade were located on Court Street on the square, and lots of cheers could be heard as parade watchers enjoyed the decorations, lights, floats, music and more. The parade is sponsored by the Elba Chamber of Commerce, and Tuesday morning, Chamber officials announced that the Gold Wing Road Riders (pictured above) had won the "Best Entry" award for the 2021 Parade. Other winners announced by the Chamber were: Lake Realty and Ellzey & Fillingim Attorneys at Law for "Best Float" and Dorsey Trailers for "Best Theme Entry - Cruisin' Into Elba". More photos from the parade can be found on Pages 2 & 10 of today's paper.

## Kinston's Wyrosdick named semi-finalist for 2021 Coca-Cola Scholars Program

Blair Wyrosdick, a student at Kinston School in Kinston, Ala., has been named a semi-finalist for the 2022 Class of the Coca-Cola Scholars Program.

A total of 1,617 high school seniors were selected as semi-finalists from a pool of over 68,000 submitted applications from across the country. The semi-finalists were selected based on their academic excellence, leadership, and service demonstrated in school and community activities.

Wyrosdick and the other semi-finalists now move to the next round of the selection process to become a Coca-Cola Scholar and receive a \$20,000 college scholarship. A joint effort of Coca-Cola bottlers across the country and The Coca-Cola Company, the Coca-Cola Scholars Program is the largest corporate-sponsored, achievement-based scholarship program in the United States.

With the addition of the 2022 class, the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation will have provided more than 6,600 Coke Scholars nationwide with over \$78 million in scholarships over the course of 34 years.

"We believe that identifying these young leaders throughout the country and encouraging their passion for serving others not only empowers the students, but also lifts up those around them," said Jane Hale Hopkins, President of the Foundation. "The Coca-Cola system is dedicated

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**LET THERE BE LIGHTS...**Monday night, Dec. 13, following the Elba Christmas Parade, Elba Mayor Tom Maddox had the honor of 'lighting' Elba's official Christmas tree for the first time this holiday season. Above, a youngster watches as the mayor presses the button to bring the sparkling lights on for Christmas 2021!

## News Brief

Elba City Schools received notification Wednesday morning, Dec. 8, at approximately 10 a.m. of a gun on campus. Both schools were placed on lockdown and all students were searched. The rumors of a weapon on campus were proven to be false, and no threat was discovered, according to Superintendent Chris Moseley.



## EDITORIAL

## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

*"A good listener is a good talker with a sore throat."*  
— Katharine Whitehorn

Even at our age it is not uncommon to still stumble over the meaning of words. Last weekend we were reading an opinion piece by a British editor and stumbled over the word "Defenestration." We guessed the meaning due to the subject and the follow up sentence but decided to find out for sure. It is definitely not a new word however it was new to us. From Wikipedia we got, "Defenestration is the act of throwing someone or something out of a window. The term was coined around the time of an incident in Prague Castle in the year 1618, which became the spark that started the Thirty Years' War. That was all confirmed by Webster's. In the article we were reading it meant an editor of another British publication was promptly fired following a hot news flash claiming some sort of wrongdoings. Rather than trying to impress readers with his dictionary brain, we wish he had considered us average Joes and said "fired".

Zoom has been involved in a lawsuit claiming they didn't protect privacy as their website claimed. They continue to deny the charges but have agreed to a settlement with Zoom subscribers. After jumping through a bunch of hoops you "might" get either \$25 or \$15. However, the lawyers who filed the suit are eligible can get up to \$21,250,000 in fees! That is millions and the folks who were potentially harmed will get \$15 or \$25 each! We don't know how many lawyers will dip into that sizeable pot but Zoom users in Elba who may have had their information compromised are on the wrong side of that equation!

Part of the "Build Back Better" plan being debated in Washington would stop the Pell Grant program for college students attending private-sector career colleges. Of course their leaders and their lobbying crowd are up in arms. Their numbers indicate it would impact over 26,000 Alabama students to the tune of over \$14 million. That sounds bad on the surface but remember it was just a short time ago that the headlines were full of examples of those 'colleges' being rip offs with students getting little or no educational benefits from the school... even the small percentage who actually completed the course study. Thus, we have no problem with that decision and hope they will double down a goal of steadily improving the 'tried and true' already successful educational institutions all across America.

The annual Elba Christmas parade was postponed a week due to the rain last week, but it didn't appear to have dampened the parade once it was cranked off this Monday night. The participants all seemed to be enjoying themselves, even the little ones riding the floats. The number of floats in the parade seemed to be much greater than any, at least in any recent year. Spectators were also in abundance. If any doubt, just walk the parade route and observe the empty candy wrappers all along the route! We Americans leave our tracks wherever we go.

Be safe, wear your mask, social distance, wash your hands AND get the shot(s) and/or booster!



The Lake Realty and Ellzey & Fillingim Attorneys at Law float received the "Best Float" award for the Elba Christmas Parade. Employees and family members from each business were represented on this winning float.

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, December 7, 2021, and Monday, December 13, 2021, conducted the following activity:

**Tuesday, Dec. 7** – Suspicious vehicle reported at 1620 Boswell St (2:38 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 731 Hwy 141 (9:41 a.m.); Theft by deception reported at 529 N Claxton Ave (11:46 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1888 Martin Luther King Dr (11:58 a.m.); Animal complaint reported on N Claxton Ave (1:56 p.m.); Civil complaint reported on the Troy Hwy (3:49 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 996 Hwy 203 Suite 2 (4:39 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Hwy 84 (6:01 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 2586 Old Curtis Rd (8:14 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 84 (8:16 p.m.).

**Wednesday, Dec. 8** – Suspicious vehicle reported on Sunset Blvd (12:23 a.m.); Assist another agency at 381 Tiger Dr (10:24 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 406 Moore Ave (7:15 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 529 N Claxton Ave (8:22 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 990 Hwy 203 – an arrest was made (11:56 p.m.). There was one traffic stop on this date resulting in an arrest.

**Thursday, Dec. 9** – Animal complaint reported at 1016 Edmondson St

in the alley (3:02 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 961 Hwy 203 (4:25 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at 991 Hwy 203 (5:27 p.m.); Harassment reported to Elba Police (7:22 p.m.).

**Friday, Dec. 10** – Burglary reported at 20378 Hwy 189 (5:09 p.m.); Report of shots fired at 1698 Hickman Ave (9:29 p.m.); Noise complaint reported at 661 Reynolds Ave (9:48 p.m.); Suspicious person reported on Reynolds Ave (11:00 p.m.).

**Saturday, Dec. 11** – Report of shots fired on Reynolds Ave (1:39 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported on Hwy 203 (9:33 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 1426 Hickman Ave (5:35 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 125 – verbal warning given (7:24 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at Hwy 84 and County Rd 505 (7:27 p.m.). There were two traffic stops on this date resulting in one verbal warning, and one citation issued.

**Sunday, Dec. 12** – Burglary reported at 1089 No Claxton Ave (1:06 p.m.); Disorderly person reported at 529 N Claxton Ave (3:12 p.m.); Civil complaint reported to Elba Police (7:58 p.m.). There was one traffic stop on this date resulting in a verbal warning.

**Monday, Dec. 13** – No activity report received for this date.



The Dorsey float won the "Best Theme" award for the Elba Christmas Parade with its Dorsey Cruise float. The parade them was Crusin' into Christmas.



Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Want to know 'exactly' how Sister feels about 6-8 lane traffic in a big city during less than stellar weather conditions...just ride with her through Atlanta, Georgia under those circumstances. Cuzin Lou Lou had the privilege of doing just that last Friday and Saturday nights!

Last Friday evening, Lou Lou and Sister left Papa and Little Bean at home in Yonder as they set out to visit the "Christmas" city of Dahlonga, Ga. Sister's birthday is Dec. 13th, and Lou Lou planned the trip as a part of Sister's birthday gift this year.

The trip included an overnight stay Friday night in Cumming, Ga., which is about 20 minutes south of Dahlonga, but it requires traveling through Atlanta to get there from Yonder. There is a way to avoid Atlanta, but that adds another hour-plus to the trip.

Lou Lou has driven in and around Atlanta on many occasions through the years, so, she doesn't really worry about all the traffic there. She just prefers the slower pace of traffic back in her beloved Yonder.

Upon reaching Atlanta on Friday night, the fog had set in pretty well, and that did not sit well with Sister from the vehicle's passenger seat. The multi-lane traffic already unnerves her a bit every time the Yonder gang makes a trip to or through Atlanta. A foggy night was even worse!

A few other travelers certainly should have received an uneasy feeling that someone, somewhere was talking ugly about them. That someone would have been Sister!

One vehicle flew by Sister's vehicle as Lou Lou navigated them through the big city, and Sister immediately began yelling at the other driver. She was scolded the driver for "going too fast" under foggy conditions.

By the time Lou Lou and Sister made it through

Atlanta, Sister said she has clinched her cheeks so tight that her muscles were aching. Lou Lou did not dare ask for a better explanation on that one!

After a good, but rainy, day in Dahlonga on Saturday, Lou Lou and Sister came back through Atlanta on Saturday night. This time there was no fog, but the wet roads from rain and heavier traffic created a whole new set of tensions for Sister. She could be heard praying a few times for the Good Lord just to "get me out of this place!"

Sister said she could not imagine why anyone would desire to drive in that type of traffic any day, but especially every day in life.

At one point, when Sister instructed Lou Lou to find a lane and stay there [even though Lou Lou was having no trouble navigating the roadways], she asked Sister if she would like to drive. The very explicit answer boiled down to "not as long as we are in this place."

Sister came to the conclusion if she ever is the one driving on a trip, and it requires going through Atlanta that she would find an alternate route [no matter how much longer it takes] or simply stay home! Good thing Lou Lou is the designated driver for most trips anyway!

Despite the 'rough' times in the vehicle, it was a nice birthday trip for Sister! She even admitted it after returning home and getting some good snuggles from Little Bean.

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

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## This Christmas, why not give yourself?

by Paul Jackson, Pastor, Covenant Community Church, Elba, Alabama

Christmas is the favorite time of year for many of us, and understandably so. Family gatherings, festive parties, and gift-giving are enjoyable and special. But if you're like me, you've also experienced the frustration that comes with the secularization of Christmas and the frenzied pace we have to keep to get all the parties in and shopping done. The sad reality is that the deeper significance of Christmas is often lost amid such a dizzying pace.

This Christmas season, may I encourage you to slow down some, be more thoughtful about the pace you're trying to maintain, and spend time pondering the real meaning of that angelic proclamation made so long ago: "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today...a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10-11). Some years later, the Apostle Paul would call Jesus' birth a "great mystery" (1 Tim. 3:16).

Understanding a mystery takes time for reflection and discernment. Be honest. When was the last time you stopped and seriously considered the meaning of "incarnation," the taking on of flesh and blood of God's one and only Son, the pre-incarnate Word that the Apostle John writes about in his gospel (read John 1:1-4, 14)?

Admittedly, this is above my intellectual pay grade. I don't think it's something that we humans can fully comprehend—how deity can be merged with human nature, fully God and fully man all at the same time. Nonetheless, we can and should seek to understand this staggering mystery to the fullest extent possible. Why? It's simple: Incarnation is at the heart of what Christmas means: God entered our world as a human being! Quoting from Matthew's gospel, "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel—which means, 'God with us'" (Mat.1:22-23). Friend, take a moment to think about the implications of such "divine condescension."

In fact, the Apostle Paul seems to do just that in Philippians 2:5-11, his great hymn of praise to God for Jesus' coming to earth. He uses the incarnation as an example for believers to emulate: "Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus," he writes (vs. 5). So what was his attitude?

Notice these words in verses 6-8: "He didn't consider [think about] . . . made himself nothing . . . became a servant . . . humbled himself . . . and became obedient to death—even death on a cross."

Isn't it strange that God's entrance into our world—the first Christmas that happened more than 2000 years ago—was about giving up rights and privilege, self surrender and sacrifice, service to others and humility, and obedience and death, while our experiences of Christmas today seem . . . well, so different?

Perhaps it's time that we rediscover the dynamic truth of the very first Christmas: Be like Jesus! Give yourself away for the good of others. Think more about others than you do yourself. Just an idea for some not-too-late Christmas giving.

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## CCBOE (Continued from Page ONE)

Council meeting.

Cobb also announced to board members that Coffee County Schools was one of six school systems to receive a Workforce Development Grant. She said Coffee County Schools had received \$359,000 that would allow another RN to be hired among other health related matters.

Board president Brian McLeod noted the next regular meeting for the Coffee County Board of Education would be Thursday, Feb. 3, at 5:30 p.m.

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to giving back to the communities they serve, and the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation is proud to be a part of that commitment."

Semifinalists are now asked to complete Phase 2 applications, which include essays, a recommendation, and transcripts. An independent selection committee will review the applications and select 250 Regional Finalists by the end of January to participate in online interviews.

150 Coca-Cola Scholars will be named in March to receive a \$20,000 college scholarship and participate in the Coca-Cola Scholars Leadership Development Institute facilitated by program alumni.

Wyrosdick was one of 23 Alabama students chosen as a semi-finalist for this program. She is the daughter of Jamie and Lougener Wyrosdick of the Basin Community, between Elba and Kinston.

## Ivey allots federal funds to assist low-income residents

Gov. Kay Ivey has awarded almost \$2.8 million for programs that help lift low-income residents from poverty and become economically self-sufficient.

The Community Services Block Grants will be distributed to 18 community action agencies to provide services to eligible individuals and families in Alabama.

"On occasion, some Alabamians find themselves in dire economic situations and need assistance to get back on their feet," Gov. Ivey said. "The funds from this grant program will provide the needed boost to help them rise from those depths and improve their quality of life."

The agencies will use the funds for a range of

programs including ones that teach the skills and knowledge to obtain jobs, help participants maintain the ability to stay in their homes and provide emergency assistance to prevent further declines in their lives. The types of assistance will be determined by the local agencies based on needs of their regions.

"ADECA is pleased to join with Gov. Ivey in this program that encourages people to reach their goals and lead successful lives," ADECA Director Kenneth Boswell said.

Agencies, amounts and coverage areas include: Southeast Alabama Community Action Partnership Inc. - \$152,559 (Barbour, Coffee, Geneva, Henry and Houston counties)

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Preparing items for donation can be difficult. It makes you sort through the personal effects of someone you have lost and reexamine that person's life as they lived. This process may even bring up aspects of your loved one's life that you were not aware of.

Organization and taking your time are the best ways to cope with some of the negative feelings associated with cleaning out the artifacts left behind by those we've loved and lost. Reach out for help from family when possible, they often should be involved in the process of deciding what stays or goes. If that is not possible, the support of friends can help make the process a little less emotionally taxing, as well.

Donating items no longer needed can help to ease the physical burden that loss can add to one's life while also giving back to help make someone else's life a little easier. Large items like furniture, extra clothing, some electronics, and other pieces can be donated to charities if they are in good condition. Organizations like Goodwill or other local religious organizations will likely be able to take them. Many of these organizations will even help you haul away large items or numerous donations.

Additionally, if you are planning a service for a lost loved one, you can request that in lieu of flowers a donation be made to a charity or cause the deceased was closely affiliated with. Many organizations will accept donations in honor of someone who has passed on and those dollars will help those affected by similar conditions and ease the burden that illness puts on other families.

Donating to others during the holidays can help brighten the lives of families in need while also providing a tangible way to work through the pain of loss.

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at: [hayeshf@hayesfuneralhome.net](mailto:hayeshf@hayesfuneralhome.net)

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## Obituaries

Obits are updated regularly on our website: [www.elba-clipper.com](http://www.elba-clipper.com)

### FRANKIE LEE TAYLOR

Mr. Frankie Lee Taylor, age 71, of Elba, Ala., died Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2021, at



his home in Elba.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 11, 2021, from

Hayes Funeral Home in Elba. Burial followed in the Rhoades Cemetery.

Frankie was preceded in death by his father - Lester Willard Taylor, mother - Olene Taylor, and brother - Robert Taylor. Survivors include his wife: Mary Diane Taylor, Elba; daughters: Cherish Marie Taylor, Elba, Hope (Scott) Guinn, Brundidge, Ala., Melissa (Tal) Pierce, Rincon, Ga., Jennifer (Jessie) Schultz, Jack, Ala.; brothers: Jessie (Charlene) Taylor, Jack, John (Anita) Taylor, Ozark, Ala., Bobby Taylor, Elba; granddaughters: Taylor Hudson and Katie Grider, both of Ozark; grandsons: Sheldon Hudson, Troy, Ala., Aiden Pierce and Eli Pierce, both of Rincon, Ga., Justin Guinn, Ozark; and great-granddaughters: Jillian and Bella.

### STACEY LEIGH FRAZIER

Mrs. Stacey Leigh Frazier, age 37, of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2021, at

USA Health in Mobile, Ala.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2021

from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Paul Jackson officiating. Burial services followed in the Consolation Cemetery in Enterprise, Ala.

She was preceded in death by her husband - Johnny Frazier, father - Jackie Hicks, and special aunt - Susan Sims.

Survivors include her mother: Betty Jo Dueitt, stepfather: James Dueitt, and daughter: Makayla Cauley, all of Elba; son: Christopher Adams, Enterprise; brothers: Timothy (Ashley) Dueitt, New Brockton, Ala., Jackie (Destiny) Hicks, Pensacola, Fla., Joel Gross, and Fletcher Hicks, both of Crestview, Fla.; sisters: Hannah (Joey McCrumman) Dueitt, Elba, Amanda (Wesley) Gwynn, Crestview, and Carrie (Samuel) Sweeny, Waycross, Ga.

### NORMAN WAYNE GRANTHAM

Mr. Norman Wayne Grantham, age 79, of Elba, Ala., die

Mr. Norman Wayne Grantham, age 79, of Elba, AL., died Sunday, Dec. 12, 2021, at his home in Elba.

Wayne was a loving, dedicated husband, father, and grandfather and a vital

part of the Elba community. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel from the Alabama Army National Guard after 30 years of service and Liberty National Life Insurance Company after 23 years. In these golden "retirement years," Wayne spent eight years as the Elba City Clerk.

Memorial services were held Wednesday, Dec. 15, at 2 p.m., at Ino Baptist Church with Rev. Garry Winstead officiating and Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing. Visitation was at the church from 12:30- 2 p.m. on Wednesday.

Wayne was preceded in death by his father - William Norman Grantham, mother - Doris Cook Grantham, and brother - Larry Grantham.

Survivors include his wife: Linda Gayle Grantham, Elba; daughters: Kimberly Dawn Grantham, Denver, Colo., Gina Michelle (Ted) Sokolowski, Hackettstown, NJ; grandsons: Collin Sokolowski, Fort Bragg, NC, Bryce Sokolowski, Hackettstown; brother-in-law: Jimmy (Linda) Hornsby, Panama City, Fla.; sister-in-law: June (Scott Jernigan) Grantham, Elba; along with several nieces and nephews.

### GAIL POWELL

Ms. Gail Powell, age 68, of Opp, Ala., died Monday evening, Dec. 13, 2021, at Mizell Memorial Hospital in Opp. Funeral arrangements will be announced upon completion by Hayes Funeral Home of Elba.

### CHARLES H. DRIGGERS

Mr. Charles H. Driggers Jr., age 72, of New Brockton, Ala., died at his home Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 14, 2021. Arrangements will be announced upon completion by Hayes Funeral Home of Elba.



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# CHURCH NEWS

## Reflections

by Michael J. Brooks, Pastor

### Christmas Means God Is With Us

I decided to attend graduate school before moving to Kentucky for theological study. My college friends and I bade farewell in December, and in January I moved to Auburn University—my home for the next 18 months. Though on a campus of 25,000 students, I didn't know a soul and felt very alone. It was not a pleasant time those first weeks.

Novelist John Steinbeck wrote, "We are lonesome animals, who spend all of our lives trying to be less lonesome."

Our nation is plagued with loneliness. We've seen an increase in working remotely during the COVID-19 era. Many of those I know who work from home enjoy the convenience and don't miss their commute, but it's also true they become more isolated from workmates. One study found among "Gen Z"—those who are 21-26 years old—one half reported loneliness. Though more connected electronically than previous generations, "Gen Z" has been called "the loneliest generation." One-third of high school seniors said they "often feel lonely."

Many older people feel alone, abandoned by friends and family. Great Britain established the "Silver Line" network through which senior adults craving contact can call and talk with others.

We feel alone when sick or facing disease or surgery. We suffer alone in our pain.

Lonely people must take initiative and welcome others into their lives. We find nourishment in community groups, civic clubs and Bible study classes. One lady reported she joined a quilting club in order to teach others her skills. In a short while she found participants not only growing in skills, but lonely participants making new friends.

Lonely people may feel forsaken by God. In "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner," Coleridge wrote, "So lonely 'twas that God himself scarce seemed there to be." But there's no place on earth where God is not. We may feel alone because we build walls between ourselves and God, but we aren't alone. God doesn't cease caring for us. He made a way for our offense to be covered. The prophet Isaiah wrote, "We all went astray like sheep; we all have turned to our own way; and the Lord has punished him for the iniquity of us all" (Isaiah 53:6).

One of the messages of Christmas is that God took the initiative to deal with our loneliness. He sent his son whose name is Emmanuel, or "God with us." God loved us enough to come to us as one we could see, touch and relate to. As a little girl said, "Jesus is a God with skin on!"

Now God invites everyone to come to him through Christ, the bridge by which we cross the abyss of sin and enter God's family.

Reflections is a weekly devotional column written by Michael J. Brooks, pastor of the Siluria Baptist Church in Alabaster, Ala. The church's website is siluriabaptist.com.

### Pleasant Shade Baptist Church offers free Christmas gift wrapping Dec. 18th & 23rd

Pleasant Shade Baptist Church, 1891 Damascus Road, Enterprise, Ala. will provide free Christmas gift wrapping this holiday season. Remaining dates are Saturday, Dec. 18, from 3-6 p.m., and Thursday, Dec. 23, from 4-6 p.m. Wrapping paper provided...just bring the gift to be wrapped.

### Harris Temple Outreach/Mulberry Heights Community Coalition offers free Christmas meal this Saturday

The Harris Temple Outreach Community Coalition invites everyone to the "2021 Community Christmas Dinner" planned for Saturday, Dec. 18, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the HT Multi-Purpose Facility located next door to Harris Temple Church.

Home bound persons needed delivery should contact the church prior to Saturday. Everyone is welcome to come by and receive a free meal. Harris Temple has partnered with the Mulberry Heights Community Coalition for this project! For more information, contact Kathryn Williams-Daniels 334.806.4090 or Johnathan Lockett.

### Food and Clothes Giveaway planned for Saturday, Dec. 18, at GNMZMC

Greater New Zion Missionary Baptist Church will be hosting a Food and Clothes Giveaway this Saturday, Dec. 18, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. The church is located at 720 Davis Street East, Elba.

### Harris Temple and New Jerusalem COGIC to combine services on Sunday, Dec. 26th

Harris Temple will have a combined Sunday Morning Worship on Sunday, Dec. 26, at 8:45 a.m. at New Jerusalem COGIC in Enterprise, Ala. There will be no services at Harris Temple Church that Sunday.

### Harris Temple COGIC to host leadership conference January 14-15 in Elba, Ala.

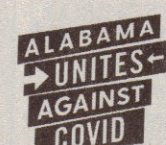
Harris Temple Church of God in Christ will host a 2022 Leadership Conference on Friday, Jan. 14, and Saturday, Jan. 15. The guest speaker for Friday, Jan. 14, at 7 p.m., will be Pastor Anthony Wheeler of Huntsville, Alabama! Saturday's session will be from 10 a.m.

This conference is open to anyone that desires to attend!

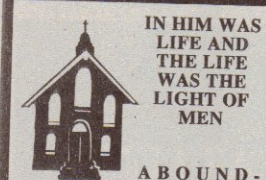
## Take care of yourself and others with an easy test.

Don't wait. If you have symptoms, find out if you have the virus. The testing is simple, fast, and effective at identifying COVID-19.

Find testing near you at [alabamounites.com](https://alabamounites.com).



## Church Directory



**ABOUNDING GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Rocky Pearce, Pastor  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

**ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH**  
Richard Thera Sr., Pastor  
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.  
Wed. Night Service... 7:00 p.m.

**ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Harry Driggers, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

**BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sam Self, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

**BETH EL AM CHURCH**  
Deborah A. Butler, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.

**BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Greg Cotter, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Disciple Train... 5:30 p.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:30 p.m.

**BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.

**BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Robert Davis, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.

**CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH**  
Remonia Smith, Pastor  
Church Service... 9:00 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays

**CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH**  
Larry Mills, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.

**ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Steve Reneau, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Services... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Lovell Martin, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

**COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Paul Jackson, Pastor  
Sunday Fellowship... 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship... 9:00 a.m.  
Wed. Night "Peak of the Week" and meal... 5:30 p.m.  
Bible Study & Prayer... 6:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

**DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Steve Watson, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

**DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Discipleship Training... 5:00 p.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

**EAON BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Mark Ward, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m.

**ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Phillip Box, Minister  
Bible Study... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA CHURCH OF GOD**  
Edward E. Drake, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.

**ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY**  
H.L. Buckner, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Night... 6:00 p.m.  
Thurs. Night... 7:00 p.m.

**ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE**  
Allen Richards, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

**ELBA IS ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Dwight Johnson, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Kit Johnson, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Steve Reneau, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Services... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH**  
Mark Cooper, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.  
Wed. Even. Meeting... 7:00 p.m.

**EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**  
Timothy Williams, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:30 p.m.

**FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Phillip Adeock, Pastor  
Sunday Morning... 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

**1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON**  
Danny Bradshaw, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.

**FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Scott Donaldson, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.

**FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH**  
Edward E. Drake, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.

**GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH**  
Overseers - Billy Berry  
Sat. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.

**GRACE FELLOWSHIP**  
John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

**GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Jeremie Turner, Sr. Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC**  
W.K. Ellison, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

**HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Shirley Ellis, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

**MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
J.R. Parks, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
1st & 3rd Sundays

**MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Dewey Endinger, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 5:00 p.m.

**MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Olan Strickland, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:00 p.m.

**HOLY TEMPLE COGIC**  
Glenwood, AL  
Sunday Prayer... 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service... 11:00 a.m.

**INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Wesley D. Ard, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting... 6:30 p.m.

**INO BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Garry Winstead, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:00 p.m.

**JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Matthew Morris, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:15 p.m.

**KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH**  
Jonathan Jenkins, Pastor  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

**LIVING WORD CHURCH**  
Derrick Stinson, Pastor  
Saturday Service... 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Service... 10:30 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Youth Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Thurs. Service... 6:00 p.m.

**LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Greg Hanchey, Minister  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

**LOVE'S WAY CHURCH**  
Charles Jones, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

**MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
J.R. Parks, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
1st & 3rd Sundays

**MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Dewey Endinger, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 5:00 p.m.

**MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Olan Strickland, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:00 p.m.

**NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Dewey Endinger, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

**NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH**  
Brad Sasser, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.

**NEW HOPE BAPT CHURCH**  
Lanny Shepard, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.

**MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

**Cathedral of the Holy Spirit NEW ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH**  
Linda Williams, Pastor  
Sunday... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Even... 7:30 p.m.

**NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST - ENTERPRISE**  
W.K. Ellison, Pastor  
Morning Worship... 9:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Tuesday Evening... 7:00 p.m.  
Friday Evening... 7:00 p.m.

**NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Disciple Train... 5:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Night Service... 7:00 p.m.

**NEW BROCKTON METHODIST CHURCH**  
Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

**NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Terry Godwin, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Bible Study... 5:00 p.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.

**NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Randall Pearson, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 5:30 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.

**NEW GLORIOUS COGIC BAPTIST CHURCH**  
James Starks Jr., Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Bib Stud Wed... 6:00 p.m.

**SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

**TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Night Service... 5:00 p.m.

**THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST**  
Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Noon Worship... 12 noon  
Even. Service... 7:00 p.m.  
Youth Ser. Mon... 7:00 p.m.  
Wed Bible Class... 7:00 p.m.  
Fri Missionary Ser... 7:00 p.m.

**THE WAY OF HOLINESS CHURCH, Elba**  
Max Reed, Minister  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.  
Tuesday Bible Class... 7:00 p.m.

**TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
C.P. Davis, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Night Service... 6:00 p.m.

**VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH**  
Donald Mills, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Night Service... 6:00 p.m.

**VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Shayne Allen, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:45 p.m.  
Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.

**VICTORY TABERNACLE**  
Ruby Lawson, Pastor  
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

**WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Ken Wilson, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

**WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Danny Bynum, Interim Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

**WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Kenneth Hagler, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

**WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Donnie Marler, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:30 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

**WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH**  
Mike Medley, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

**ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Cary Maulden, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

## Round and About With Eria's Daughter

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Scripture: Safety of Abiding in the Presence of God. Psalm 91: 1-16

### Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Brandon/Eliza Nelson Kelley, Gene Culver, Estella Hooks, Barbara M. Stephen, Isaiah Franklin Jr., Harold Williams, Elder J.C. Rogers, Karyn Kelley, Emily Newman

### January Birthdays / Anniversaries

Mary Janelle Kelley 1/16  
Kobie Belcher 1/16  
Glennette Williams 1/16  
Former 1st Lady Michelle Obama 1/17  
Christina Nelson 1/18  
Hattie Bell Carpenter 1/18 (in memory)  
Tommy J. Robinson 1/19  
Alex Hutchinson 1/22  
Faye Manning 1/22  
Steve Williams 1/22  
Cool Breeze 1/22  
Marcus Hutchinson 1/23 (in memory)

### Pardon!

The U.S. President has nearly unchecked power to issue official pardons. This makes the pardon one of the most controversial presidential powers. Though this presidential power can be divisive, in some instances it has been used to heal wounds. One of the most controversial presidential pardons was issued by President Gerald Ford. Richard Nixon, Ford's predecessor, resigned from office in August 1974 amid accusations of criminal behavior. After that resignation, Nixon could have been prosecuted and even jailed. Yet weeks later, President Ford pardoned the former president of any federal crimes he had "committed or taken part in" during his terms in office. Today many agree that Ford's pardon was necessary to help the nation move forward from an era of scandal and abuse

of power. Pardons are not justice. Rather, they are acts of undeserved mercy. When the treasonous Israelites rebelled against God, they deserved an outpouring of his wrath. Moses, acting as a defense attorney for his people, convinced, pleaded for and received mercy. Ultimately, God's forgiveness of sin is based on the fact that Christ has made forgiveness possible because he took our penalty upon himself at the cross. What difference does God's pardon make in your life? - J.E.

### Question / Answer Section

Q/A for the Week of 12/16/21

Q: What non-Israelite was grandmother to King David? (Rahab) (Orpah) (Ruth)

A: Ruth [Matthew 1:5-6]

Q: Who encouraged Joseph to take Mary as his wife? [an angel] [his father] [a priest]

A: An Angel [Matthew 1:20]

Q: John the Baptist wore clothes made of what? (linen) (camel's hair) (wool)

A: Camel's hair [Matthew 3:4]

### Think About This

The tempter wears a disguise when he slithers into our lives. People do not know the devil is there, even when he has them by the throat.

### Questions for the Week of 12/23/21

Multiple Choice

Q: When the wise men came to Jerusalem, whom did they visit first? (Herod) (Joseph) (Mary)

Q: John baptized people in which river? (Nile) (Euphrates) (Jordan)



## LIFESTYLES

## Elba Elementary School's "Students of the Month"

Elba Elementary School's "Students of the Month" were chosen by the faculty and staff for randomly being "caught doing good" and receiving tickets for that. The student with the most tickets in each grade was named the student of the month!

Current "Students of the Month" are:

Kindergarten- Laiken Harrelson  
First Grade- Cameron Belcher  
Second Grade- Braleigh Flowers  
Third Grade- Ella Newby  
Fourth Grade- Ava Wisecup  
Fifth Grade- Kendra Brown  
Sixth Grade- Levi Martin



Cameron Belcher  
First Grade



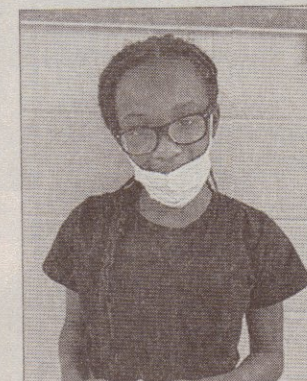
Braleigh Flowers  
Second Grade



Ella Newby  
Third Grade



Ava Wisecup  
Fourth Grade



Kendra Brown  
Fifth Grade



Levi Martin  
Sixth Grade

## Elba Masonic Lodge holds drawings for Gun Give-A-Way fundraiser

The Elba Masonic Lodge #170 held its drawing Monday night, Dec. 6, for the guns from the Gun-Give-A-Way fundraiser.

The winners were:  
1. One-Ruger Max 9 Pro pistol-  
Cody Daniel s- Elba  
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## Governor awards grant funds to help abused/neglected children in state

Gov. Kay Ivey awarded grants totaling \$4.8 million across Alabama to help provide services to child victims of abuse, neglect and sexual assault as well as provide training and resources to local law enforcement and nonprofit agencies.

The grants will help many nonprofit organizations provide services including forensic interviews, mental health services, medical services referrals, advocacy, community education and prevention services.

"Young victims deserve to have the same professional services and help given to them as adult victims," Gov. Ivey said. "I commend these agencies that work daily to help those who have been harmed and work to prevent further abuse."

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs is administering the grants from funds made available by the U.S. Department of Justice.

The grants awarded to various local and state agencies who provide direct services to victims and providers include \$109,440 to Pike Regional Child Advocacy Center serving Barbour, Bullock, Coffee, Pike Counties.



Laiken Harrelson  
Kindergarten

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**MONTHLY GATHERING...**Several men from the Elba High School Class of 1966 attended the group's monthly breakfast gathering Tuesday morning, Dec. 14, at Juliette's Restaurant in Elba. Reportedly, a great time was had by all and a few "stories" were shared. Those pictured above include: Bobby Edmonson, Butch Oggs's, Neal Hugo, John Lawless, Harry Young, Jerry Brown, Merrell Shirley, Terry Calhoun, Jerome Blackmon, Jackey Tindol, and Kenneth Baker.

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**PETERS INKS WITH LOCAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO PLAY VOLLEYBALL...**Last week, Kinston School volleyball standout Faith Peters signed a scholarship with LBW Community College in Andalusia, Ala. to play volleyball for the Saints. Those in attendance for signing ceremony were: (seated, l to r) Stacy Peters, Crystal Peters, Faith Peters, and LBWCC Coach Janie Wiggins; (standing, l to r) Coach Suzanne Elmore, Assistant Principal Crystal Hawthorne, and Coach Tiffany Johnson.

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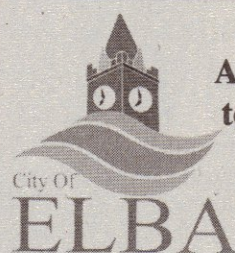
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## HELP WANTED

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Administrative Assistant  
to the Elba Police ChiefFLSA Status: Non exempt  
Reports to: Police Chief**JOB SUMMARY:** This is an administrative position under the direction of the Elba Police Chief and is responsible in the assisting of executive, administrative, and clerical activities. Limited administrative responsibilities are to assist in the preparation of reports, budgets, news releases and other public relations, documents, research and special projects.**ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:** (the essential functions or duties listed below are only intended as illustration of the various types of work that may be performed)

- a) Maintains and updates calendars for the Police Department; receives and screens requests, coordinates, arranges and confirms meetings, appointments, social engagements and community events. Oversees the communications from the Chief's office, including receiving and screening visitors and telephone calls, providing information and handling issues that require sensitivity and sound independent judgement; conducting research, responds to requests for information.
- b) Utilizes the City's website and other approved social media platforms to disseminate information to citizens.
- c) Oversees the preparation and typing of correspondence, memoranda, agenda items, reports, presentations, forms and other documents; ensures that documents are accurate, complete and conform to Police Department's standards, policies and procedures; ensures materials, reports and documents for signature are accurate and complete; responds independently to mail and email inquiries regarding a variety of matters.

**REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE:**

- a) High level of proficiency on personal computers and associated software applications.
- b) Ability to interface with the public with tact, courtesy and accurateness; establish and maintain working relationships with other employees.
- c) Ability to make sound decisions and an independent thinker.
- d) Ability to fulfill all duties and responsibilities of the job as needed.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- a) High school diploma or equivalent. Associates degree in a business-related field is preferred.
- b) Additional coursework that include secretarial skills or business practices is preferred.
- c) Must be bondable and have the ability to pass a background and drug test.
- d) Completed employment application.

**BENEFITS:** The City of Elba offers free employee health and dental insurance from BCBS; state retirement, and paid vacation, holidays and sick time.**OPENING DATE:** Immediately.**CLOSING DATE:** Until filled.Applications are available at Elba City Hall, or online at [www.elbaalabama.net](http://www.elbaalabama.net). All completed applications should be returned to Elba City Hall, 200 Buford Street, Elba, AL 36323  
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## HELP WANTED

The City of Elba  
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for the position of:

## Recreation Program Coordinator

Opening Date: Immediately; Closing Date: Until Filled

**Job Summary:** The coordinator administers prescribed programs, services, facilities, and/or events. This includes identifying appropriate programs to offer, identifying prospective coaches/instructors, promoting programs, ensuring quality control and measuring success. Prepares and monitors registration information for various programs and provides the Recreation Director with frequent updates, reports and statistics. Maintains positive relationships while working openly and professionally with customers and participants. Assist with all aspects of field/facility maintenance, turf management and practices. **Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:** Leadership skills for support staff and instructors. Knowledge and experience in Microsoft Office applications. Candidates be able to pass a background check to include, MVR and criminal history. **Benefits:** The City of Elba offers BC/BS Health and Dental Insurance, State Retirement, paid vacation, sick time and holidays. **Salary:** Competitive salary based on experience and qualifications. This is a full-time position, and the ideal candidate must be willing to work flexible hours and overtime.

Applications are available at:

Elba City Hall, 200 Buford Street, Elba, AL 36323  
[www.elbaalabama.net/job-opportunities](http://www.elbaalabama.net/job-opportunities)

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SERVICE WORKER 1**Summary:** performs water line service, maintenance and installation; determines location leaks, breaks and takes appropriate action; installs new service lines and meters.**Requirements:** high school diploma or equivalent and work related experience; however, any combination of education and experience which provide the qualifications listed above will be considered. Possess a valid Alabama driver's license. Ability to work nonstandard hours, overtime, nights and weekends as needed; meet physical standards which include drug and alcohol testing.**Starting Salary:** \$11.93/HR**OPENING DATE:**  
December 13th, 2021**CLOSING DATE:**  
December 27st, 2021To Apply, please visit [www.enterpriseal.gov](http://www.enterpriseal.gov)

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The director must be entrepreneurial, energetic, well-organized, capable of functioning in an independent environment, and able to work well with others. Excellent verbal and written communication skills are essential.

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December 1st, 2021**CLOSING DATE:**  
December 31st, 2021

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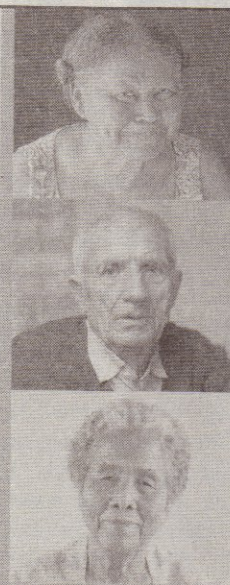
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## Governor Ivey reinforces highway safety in awarding grant funds across state

Governor Kay Ivey, in an effort to reinforce highway safety across Alabama, has awarded nearly \$7 million in grants. These efforts are aimed at making Alabama roads safer by preventing injuries and fatalities while also ensuring that offenders are prosecuted.

The state's four regional traffic safety offices and the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency will use the funds to cover overtime for local police officers, sheriffs' deputies and state troopers conducting extra patrols and checkpoints during peak travel times, like major holidays, targeting speeding, seat belt violations and impaired driving. Funding will cover major enforcement details like "Click It or Ticket" and "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over."

"In Alabama, we are funding our law enforcement community to ensure their efforts to protect our communities are supported," said Governor Ivey. "These grants will go

a long way in reinforcing highway safety across our state. As we head into another peak travel time, that will be even more important. Ensuring public safety is one of the primary responsibilities of government and is a top priority for the Ivey Administration."

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs is administering the grants from funds made available to the state by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

"ADECA stands with Governor Ivey, the four highway safety offices and local law enforcement agencies who are helping make Alabama's roads safer for everyone traveling in our state," said ADECA Director Kenneth Boswell.

Locally, Governor Ivey awarded \$1.21 million for the **Southeast Alabama Regional Highway Safety Office** at Enterprise State Community College. The office

serves Autauga, Barbour, Bibb, Bullock, Butler, Coffee, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Geneva, Henry, Houston, Lowndes, Montgomery, Pike, Russell and Tuscaloosa counties.

ADECA manages a wide array of programs that support law enforcement and traffic safety, workforce development, energy conservation, water resource management, economic development and recreation.

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### MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by LARRY JOHNSON, A SINGLE MAN, to AMERIS BANK on FEBRUARY 19, 2016, said mortgage being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of COFFEE County, Alabama, at OFF RECORD BOOK 730, PAGE 653, the undersigned AMERIS BANK, as mortgagee (or transferee), under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, at the entrance of the Courthouse of COFFEE County, at ENTERPRISE, Alabama, on JANUARY 5, 2022, between the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate situated in COFFEE County, Alabama, to wit:

A LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING A POINT WHERE THE BACK OF A FLARE ON THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY OF US HIGHWAY #84 INTERSECTS THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY OF COFFEE COUNTY ROAD #709; THENCE SOUTH 03 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 44 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY OF COFFEE COUNTY ROAD #709 369.19 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 82 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 18 SECONDS WEST 423.87 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 04 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST 220.66 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 04 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 53 SECONDS WEST 293.41 FEET TO THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY OF US HIGHWAY #84; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 10 SECONDS EAST 333.78 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY OF US HIGHWAY #84 TO A RIGHT OF WAY FLARE; THENCE SOUTH 49 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 47 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY FLARE 142.04 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PROPERTY BEING LOCATED IN THE NE 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4, SECTION 25, T4N, R22E AND CONTAINING 4.712 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

LESS AND EXCEPT A 20 FOOT EASEMENT ON THE WEST SIDE BEING 20 FOOT WIDE EAST AND WEST AND 313.41 NORTH AND SOUTH. AND LESS AND EXCEPT: A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN THE NORTH EAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 4 NORTH, RANGE 22 EAST, COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A CONCRETE MONUMENT LOCATED ON THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY MARGIN

OF COFFEE COUNTY ROAD #709; THENCE ALONG SAID MARGIN SOUTH 3 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 14 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 158.93 FEET TO A CA 451 LS CAPPED IRON PIN; THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT OF WAY MARGIN SOUTH 88 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 16 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 233.16 FEET TO A CA 451 LS CAPPED IRON PIN; THENCE NORTH 03 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 14 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 254.17 FEET TO A CA 451 LS CAPPED IRON PIN LOCATED ON THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY MARGIN U.S. HIGHWAY #84; THENCE ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY MARGIN NORTH 88 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 16 SECONDS EAST 131.05 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT OF WAY MARGIN SOUTH 49 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 47 SECONDS EAST 142.15 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND CONTAINING 1.248 ACRES MORE OR LESS. ALSO SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS, OR RIGHTS OF WAY WHICH MAY OR MAY NOT BE OF RECORD

Subject to all zoning, easements, restrictions, restrictive covenants and reservations appearing of record. Said sale will also be made subject to any Federal Tax Liens, Ad Valorem Real Estate Taxes and/or Special Assessments of any nature, if any, which might adversely affect the title to the property. The property is being sold "as is, where is". Said property is sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use, enjoyment or condition. The mortgagee or transferee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate.

All bidders will be required to execute a bidding agreement prior to sale. Copies of the bidding agreement may be obtained prior to the sale. The successful bidder will be required to pay the bid amount at the time of sale in cash or certified funds. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the attorneys fees and expenses of foreclosure. This sale is subject to cancellation or postponement.

AMERIS BANK, Mortgagee-Transferee  
Leonard N. Math  
Chambless Math & Carr, P.C.  
P.O. Box 230759  
Montgomery, Alabama 36123-0759  
334-272-2230  
12/2,9,16- chg

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA  
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF LORETTA ANN JONES, DECEASED

CASE NO. PC-21-099

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2021, by the Hon. Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Thomas A. Blackstock, Jr.  
Thomas A. Blackstock, Jr.  
Attorney for Timothy Wayne Jones  
Personal Representative  
12-2/9/16-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA  
ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROY ROBERT ROGERS, DECEASED.

CASE NO.: PC-2021-103

### NOTICE

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law of the same will be barred.

By: Robert Bret Rogers  
Robert Bret Rogers  
Administrator  
2311 CR 477  
Kinston, AL 36453

12/16,23&30-pd.

Notice is hereby given that L&K Contracting Company, Inc., 4506 Hartford Hwy, Taylor, AL 36305 has completed all work on the DOWNTOWN WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT, in Elba, Alabama. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify the above named contractor and the Water Works & Electrical Board of the City of Elba.  
12/16,23,30-2021&1/6-2022-chg.

### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage dated September 1, 1994, executed by Louise Carter, an unmarried person to Small Business Administration, which mortgage was recorded on September 2, 1994, in Book 122-A, Page 222, of the mortgage records in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, which mortgage was, duly transferred and assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. successor by merger to Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N.A. as

Trustee for Structured Asset Securities Corporation Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2002-AL1, notice is hereby given that pursuant to law and the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the undersigned will sell at public outcry, to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the Main entrance to the Coffee County Courthouse at Elba, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on January 25, 2022, the following described real estate, situated in Coffee County, Alabama, to-wit:

One dwelling house and lot in the Town of Elba, Coffee County, Alabama, on Smith Avenue, described as follows: Lots Nos. 26 and 28 with all appurtenances thereon and thereto belonging in Block 10, each lot being 100 feet front (on West side of Smith Avenue) and extending back an even width to the forty line as shown by plat of D. McKinnon survey in office of the Judge of Probate. Bounded on East by Smith Avenue, South by Lot No. 24, West by forty line, and North by Lot No. 30; also, a tract of land described as follows: Commencing on the line between Lots 24 and 26 a distance of 325 feet from the West side of Smith Avenue, according to the map of Survey of the lands of J.W. Connor, Sr., running thence in a Northwesterly direction along said line to the West line of the Northeast ¼ of the Southeast ¼, Section 8, Township 5, Range 20, thence South along said forty line to the Northwest corner of Lot No. 18, thence along the North line of said lot in a Southeasterly direction to a point 325 feet from the West side of Smith Avenue, thence North to point of beginning.

This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage as well as expenses of foreclosure. This property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, subject to any easements, encumbrances, and exceptions reflected in the mortgage and those contained in the records of the office of the Judge of Probate of the County where the above-described property is situated. This property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to condition, title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

The successful bidder must tender a non-refundable deposit of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) in certified funds made payable to Stephens Millirons, P.C. at the time and place of sale. The balance of the purchase price must be paid in certified funds by noon on the second business day following the sale at the law firm of Stephens Millirons, P.C. at 120 Seven Cedars Drive, Huntsville, Alabama 35802. Stephens Millirons,

P.C. reserves the right to award the bid to the next highest bidders should the highest bidder fail to timely tender the total amount due. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. successor by merger to Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N.A. as Trustee for Structured Asset Securities Corporation Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2002-AL1

Transferee

Robert J. Wermuth/mgw  
Stephens Millirons, P.C.  
P.O. Box 307  
Huntsville, Alabama 35804  
Attorney for Mortgagee  
12/16,23,30-chg

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF BETTY SUE JONES, Deceased.

CASE NO: PC2021-100

### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

To: David Jones and Wesley Jones.

You are hereby notified that a Petition to Admit will to Probate for the Granting of Letters Testamentary has been filed In the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, (Elba Division) a hearing is scheduled in this

matter on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022 at 9:00 a.m. If no objection is filed Letters Testamentary shall issue to Renee Hussey. This the 8<sup>th</sup> day of December 2021.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson  
Jodee R. Thompson,  
Probate Judge  
Coffee County, Alabama  
12/16,23,30&1/6-chg.

### COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021

The Coffee County Board of Education's FY2021 Accountability Reports are available for public view. The available reports are (1) Financial Report, (2) School Safety and Discipline Report and (3) Student Achievement Report. The Financial Report and the School Safety and Discipline Report are accessible at the Board's Central Office, 400 Reddoch Hill Road, Elba, as well as, at each of our schools. The reports may also be viewed via the district's website, [www.coffeecountyschools.org](http://www.coffeecountyschools.org). The Student Achievement Report may be accessed at the ALSDE's website ([www.alsde.edu](http://www.alsde.edu)) under the Data Center, Assessment Reports. 12/16-chg.

### PUBLIC NOTICE VACATION OF A PORTION OF COUNTY ROAD 411

Having received a written petition from the abutting landowners of Coffee County Road 411 requesting the vacation of a portion of said road and holding a public hearing pursuant to Section 23-4-20, Code of Alabama 1975, the Coffee County Commission passed a resolution declaring a portion of County Road 411 to be closed and abandoned and no longer considered to be a public road. This resolution was passed at the regular meeting of the Coffee County Commission on December 13, 2019 and was filed in probate court, Elba division, for public record. The public road that has been vacated is described as follows:

The portion to be vacated will begin at a point 1,920 feet from the intersection of said County Road 411 and Alabama Highway 189. This 1,920 feet is measured along the centerline of said County Road 411 beginning at the center of Alabama Highway 189. Thence continue south along said County Road 411 a distance of 760 feet to the point where county maintenance currently ends located in the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 36, T-5-N, R-19-E., Coffee County, Alabama.

12/16-chg.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE VACATION OF A PORTION COFFEE COUNTY ROAD 173 (Previously Coffee County Road 100)

The Coffee County Commission has received a written petition from the abutting landowners of a portion of Coffee County Road 173 requesting the vacation of said road. Pursuit to Section 23-4-20, Code of Alabama 1975, the Coffee County Commission shall hold a public hearing on January 10, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. at the Coffee County Complex Community Room, New Brockton, Alabama concerning the proposed road vacation during the regularly scheduled Commission Meeting. The Commission is scheduled to address the proposed road vacation following the conclusion of the public hearing. The proposed public road to be vacated is described as follows:

The portion to be vacated will begin at the intersection of said County Road 173 and the east line of the NW ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 02, T-7-N, R-21-E, thence continue west along said County Road 173 approximately 4,455 feet to the intersection of said County Road 173 and the north line of the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 2, T-7-N, R-21-E, Coffee County, Alabama.

Any citizen alleging to be affected by the proposed vacation may file written objection or request to be heard at the public hearing. Written objections may be mailed, or hand delivered to The Coffee County Commission, #2 County Complex, New Brockton, AL 36351. Please contact the Coffee County Commission at (334) 894-5556 if you desire to be heard at the public hearing. 12/16,23,30&1/6-chg.



## SPORTS NEWS

## Views From

## The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

**Our grandson Lawson headed back out** to do a little Christmas shopping over the weekend and whispered to me what his Mom wanted from Santa. I have yet to buy one single gift and realize Christmas is less than two weeks away, but I think the stores will all stay open a little later in the days to come and predict I will come through with flying colors.

## For what it is worth....

\*\*\* *It was a wasted weekend* for the Elba Tigers and Lady Tigers as both teams competed in a tournament up in Brantley and both teams came home without a win. The Tigers were off and running after their first two games and were ranked ninth in the state, but were simply no match for 2A power Calhoun and then saw a halftime lead vanish in a loss to Luverne. While everyone knew the top-ten ranking probably wouldn't last, many of us thought it may last more than just one week. I still think the Tigers will win more than share of games and will only get better and better as the season rolls along. As for the Lady Tigers, the Elba girls are still a work in progress and as Coach Shaun Hammonds always tells us "every week is just a new chapter in the story of the season." The Lady Tigers are very young, don't have a lot of scorers and will have to be aggressive on defense to turn turnovers into points if they hope to be a contender. However, like Coach Hammonds says the book on the season is far from finished.

\*\*\* *I am not a sports historian*, but I have to believe that history had to be made last week when the Elba Tigers and Zion Chapel Rebels were both ranked in the state sportswriters poll. Elba has been ranked in the past before its recent struggles, while Zion Chapel has been absent from the list for a very long time. I know the season is still young and things change, but at least for one week Elba and Zion Chapel were among the elite in the Class 2A ranks.

\*\*\* *The high school basketball season* is going full speed and so far it has already been quite a season for the teams in the area. \*\* The New Brockton Gamecocks are off to a slow start with a 2-3 record, but have proven they can play solid on defense and if they can be more consistent on the offensive end could be a team to keep an eye on in weeks to come. As for the Lady Gamecocks, the 'Brockton girls are winless after five games and must find a way to score more points if wins are going to come. \*\* The Kinston Bulldogs are off to an 0-8 start, but once they get a win I look for the 'Dogs to catch fire and surprise some folks. The Lady Bulldogs split their opening four games and have a team that can win on any given night. \*\* The Zion Chapel Rebels are 8-4 and jumped into the 2A poll last week, but have dropped two of their last three games and must learn to deal with success. The Lady Rebels have won two of their last four games, and while they have struggled at times, may be better than we know. \*\* The Brantley Bulldogs are off and running and appear determined to make some noise in the 1A ranks, while the Lady Bulldogs are only getting better and better and could develop into a dangerous team as the season rolls along.

\*\*\* *While I am sure many Enterprise football fans* were a little disappointed last week with the sudden resignation of head coach Rick Darlington, I am guessing just as many were glad to see the three-year Wildcat coach head back to the Sunshine State. Darlington brought his run-happy offense to Enterprise after a successful career in Florida, and while he did help upgrade the field and football facilities for the 7A Wildcats, the fact he had a big six-figure contract and brought with him two assistants that also had six-figure salaries never really sat well with many fans. His arrival was supposed to bring with it a return to the winning ways of the past. However, he was only able to lead Enterprise to a lackluster 20-14 record, and his teams struggled in the region and struggled to a 1-9 record against the region's three power brokers (Central, Phenix City, Auburn and Prattville). I am not sure of the powers to be in Enterprise will make a return to the 'Wildcat Family' for its next head coach, but the last experiment didn't exactly work.

\*\*\* *In closing....* The Alabama High School Athletic Association released its reclassifications for the 2022-2024 athletic seasons this week, and while I am writing this column days before the big announcement, my sources have Elba dropping back down to Class 1A, Andalusia dropping down to Class 4A, Wicksburg moving down to Class 2A, Samson moving back up to Class 2A, Eufaula dropping down to Class 5A, Rehobeth moving up to Class 6A, Ashford moving down to Class 3A, and Goshen moving down to Class 2A. Some of the new region alignments are quite interesting and will bring with them a lot of travel, but I will wait until it is all official before we look that far ahead.

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## Tigers tumble

The Elba Tigers competed in the Brantley Invitational Basketball Tournament last week and saw their early-season winning streak come to an abrupt end as they lost twice to watch their record slip to 2-2.

Following is a recap of tournament action:

## Calhoun 80 Elba 33

The Elba Tigers ran into a buzz-saw from Calhoun in the opening round and never threatened in an 80-33 loss.

Elba had a hard time finding its way to the basket in the opening quarter and trailed 22-5 heading into the second quarter. Kindarius Hill and Trent Hamilton both drained long 3-pointers in the second stanza as the Tigers tried to battle back, but Elba went 0-5 at the free throw line in the period and watched as Calhoun opened up a 45-15 halftime advantage.

Elba continued its struggles from the free throw line in the third quarter as a 3-9 performance helped Calhoun stretch its lead to 67-22 with one quarter left on the scoreboard. Zaydrian Daniels poured in eight points in the fourth quarter as the Tigers battled until the final buzzer. However, Calhoun never slowed down and handed Elba the lopsided 80-33 win.

Zaydrian Daniels scored 8 points and Kindarius Hill added 6 to lead Elba, while Tederius Scott scored 20

points and Tyler Robertson added 19 for Calhoun.

**Calhoun (80):** Lewis 11, Means 11, Edwards 3, T. Scott 20, Scott 11, Moorer 2, Managan 1, Robertson 19, Cook 2.

**Elba (33):** Hill 6, Burks 3, Hamilton 3, Peterson 4, Henderson 4, Daniels 8.

## Luverne 46 Elba 33

The Elba Tigers saw the wheels come off the wagon in the fourth quarter in a disappointing 46-33 loss to Luverne.

Elba came out ready to play in the Saturday matinee and pulled out to a 9-7 first quarter lead despite missing 6 of 12 free-throw opportunities, and while the Tigers connected on only 3 of 9 free-throws in the second quarter, they managed to retain the lead and carried a 21-17 lead in at the half.

Luverne rallied in the third quarter to sneak ahead 31-30 heading into the final stanza, and then pulled away as Elba scored only three points in the fourth quarter and watched as Luverne posted the 46-33 win.

Zaydrian Daniels scored 11 points and Chayse Peterson added 8 to lead Elba, while L. Jordan led Luverne with 9 points.

**Luverne (46):** Harris 7, Foster 5, Jordan 9, Nelson 3, D. Smith 4, Smith 8, Johnson 6, Jones 4.

**Elba (33):** Hill 3, Coleman 2, Burks 5, Marek 2, Peterson 8, Henderson 2, Daniels 11.

## Lady Tigers drop two

The Elba Lady Tigers competed in the Brantley Invitational Basketball Tournament last week and saw their early-season record slip to 2-2 with a pair of double-digit losses.

Following are highlights of the tournament action:

## Luverne 62 Elba 48

The Elba Lady Tigers fell behind early and never caught up in a 62-48 opening round loss to Luverne.

Nina Williams nailed a pair of 3-pointers in the opening quarter to help keep the Lady Tigers within striking distance at 15-9, and while freshman A'Lyric Whitfield scored seven second quarter points, it wasn't enough as Luverne never slowed down and outscored Elba 21-11 to open up a 36-20 halftime advantage.

Williams and Whitfield combined for 12 points in the third quarter as the Lady Tigers crept back within 46-34. However, Luverne regained command in the final stanza to put the finishing touches on the 62-48 win.

A'Lyric Whitfield scored 22 points and Nina Williams added 20 to lead Elba, while Khashyia Richardson scored 15 points and Aniyah Burnett added 14 to lead Luverne.

**Luverne (62):** Richardson 15, Johnson 2, Roper 4, Suddith 10, Pressley 10, Thompson 2, Peterson 5, Burnett 14.

**Elba (48):** Tinsley 2, Williams 20, Purvis 2, Whitfield 22, Juarez 2.

## Brantley 52 Elba 40

The Elba Lady Tigers fell behind early and saw a fourth quarter rally fall far short in a 52-40 loss to the Brantley Lady Bulldogs.

Two free throws by A'Lyric Whitfield were the only points Elba could

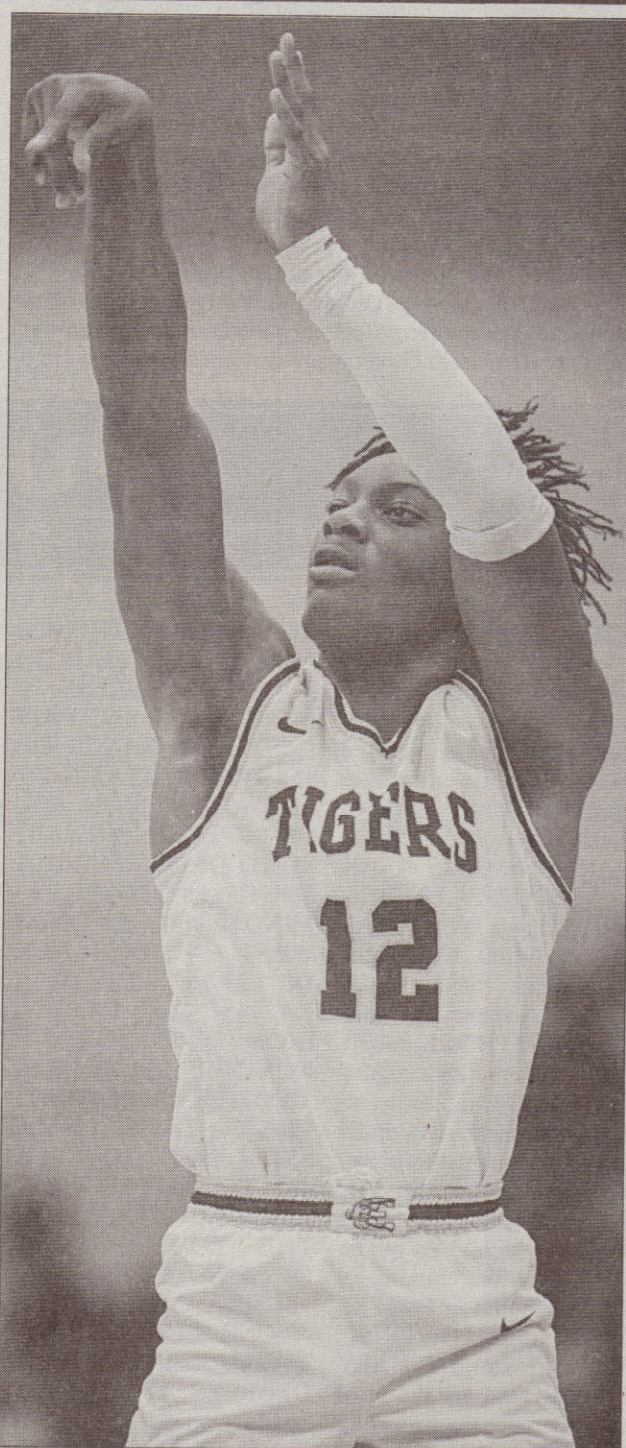
put on the scoreboard in the opening quarter, while Brantley had no such problem as Annah Little drained four 3-pointers to help the Lady Bulldogs grab an early 14-2 lead. Alayvia Stinson hit a 3-pointer to wake up the Lady Tiger offense in the second quarter. However, Lady Bulldog Kayden Dunn dominated inside and scored eight points as Brantley went in at the half with a 24-10 advantage.

Nina Williams and A'Lyric Whitfield combined for three 3-pointers and 13 points in the third quarter as Elba tried to rally, but Brantley never lost command and poured in 16 points in the stanza to stretch its lead to 40-23. Williams and Kendra Juarez led the Lady Tigers in the final quarter and battled until the final buzzer; however, Brantley was in control and rolled to the big win.

Nina Williams scored 19 points and A'Lyric Whitfield added 9 to lead the Lady Tigers, while Annah Little scored 19 points to lead Brantley, followed by Kayden Dunn with 17 and Kalaiya Dixon with 13.

**B'ley (52):** Dixon 13, Little 19, Barginere 1, Oliver 2, Dunn 17.

**Elba (40):** Williams 19, Whitfield 9, Moore 2, Stinson 6, Juarez 4.



Elba Tiger Alvin Henderson (12) shoots from the outside in recent basketball action.

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Elba Lady Tiger Kendra Juarez (25) dribbles upcourt in recent prep basketball action.

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SPORTS NEWS

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VARSITY BOYS:

**Brantley 47 Opp 29** – The Brantley Bulldogs tipped off the season with a hard fought 47-29 win over the Opp Bobcats. Kedrick Brown and Jordan Parks both scored 11 points to lead the Bulldogs, while ZaZa Lindsey and AJ Coleman both scored 12 points and grabbed 8 rebounds to lead the Bobcats.

**Zion Chapel 47 New Brockton 28** – The Zion Chapel Rebels continued their winning ways with a solid 47-28 win over the New Brockton Gamecocks. Brady Cobb scored 12 points and Jacob Chestnut added 11 to lead the Rebels, while Baylon Foster scored 11 points and Matthew Smith added 9 to lead the Gamecocks.

**Brantley 72 Goshen 20** – The Brantley Bulldogs coasted to a lopsided 72-20 win over the Goshen Eagles. Robert Shine scored 16 points and Jordan Parks added 12.

**Houston Academy 73 Zion Chapel 27** – The Zion Chapel Rebels never threatened in a 73-27 road loss to the Houston Academy Raiders. Brady Cobb and Cole McDaniel scored 6 points apiece to lead the Rebels, while Adam Kesserwani led the Raiders with 19 points.

**Kinston competes in Andalusia tourney** – The Kinston Bulldogs competed in the Richard Robertson Christmas Tournament, last weekend in Andalusia, and found the going a little too tough as they lost all three tournament games. The Bulldogs opened play in the tournament in Andalusia with an 87-32 loss to the Georgiana Panthers. The Bulldogs hit the court against the Straughn Tigers in the second round and dropped a 52-35 decision. The Bulldogs closed out the tourney with a 52-38 loss to the Opp Bobcats.

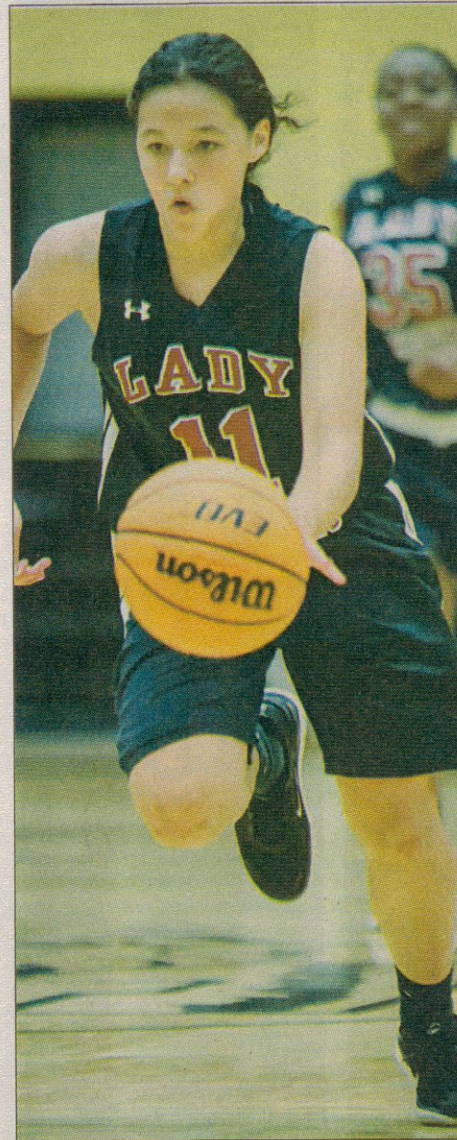
**New Brockton 75 Samson 38** – The New Brockton Gamecocks got back on track with a solid 75-38 win over the Samson Tigers. Yassiah Rousseau scored 18 points and Matthew Smith added 16 to lead the Gamecocks, while Jacob Branch scored 13 points and Coe Kelly added 11 for the Tigers.

VARSITY GIRLS:

**Brantley 57 Opp 17** – The Brantley Lady Bulldogs made it look easy in a lopsided 57-17 win over the Opp Lady Bobcats. Annah Little scored 16 points and Aaliyah Stamps added 11 to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Jalisa Smith led the Lady Bobcats with 6 points.

**Zion Chapel 25 New Brockton 18** – The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels battled to a 25-18 win over the New Brockton Lady Gamecocks. Shea Wambles scored 13 points and Elly Sheets added 6 to spark the Lady Rebels.

**Brantley 53 Goshen 17** – The Brantley Lady Bulldogs had little trouble running past the Goshen Lady Eagles 53-17. Kayden Dunn had 21 points and 15 rebounds to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while



New Brockton Lady Gamecock Gabby Eubanks (11) dribbles upcourt in recent basketball action.  
(Photo by BC Sports Photography)



New Brockton Gamecock Yassiah Rousseau (22) leaps in an attempt to block a shot.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

Annah Little added 10 points. Ashunte Freeman led Goshen with 7 points.

**Houston Academy 51 Zion Chapel 6** – The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels never had a chance in a 51-6 loss to Houston Academy. Sara Bourkard scored 11 points and Marley Conner added 7.

**Samson 50 New Brockton 20** – The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks couldn't keep pace in a 50-20 loss to the Samson Lady Tigers. Aniya Barkley scored 6 points to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Brantley Edberg and Shaylei Mock both scored 10 points to lead Samson.

JUNIOR VARSITY:

**Brantley 31 Opp 27** – The Brantley Bulldogs posted an exciting 31-27 win over the Opp Bobcats. Janyies Tyson scored 11 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Dorian Harris led the Bobcats with 8 points.

**Zion Chapel 46 New Brockton 16** – The Zion Chapel Rebels dominated the New Brockton Gamecocks 46-16. Mason Stuart scored 15 points and Wes Braisted added 13 to lead the Rebels.

**Zion Chapel 43 Houston Academy 34** – The Zion Chapel Rebels posted an impressive 43-34 road win over the Houston Academy Raiders. Slade Grantham poured in 24 points and Mason Stuart added 11 to lead the Rebels.

**New Brockton 37 Samson 31** – The New Brockton Gamecocks rallied from a sluggish first quarter to defeat the Samson Tigers 37-31. The Gamecocks trailed 10-3 after one quarter, but pulled within 14-10 by the end of the half and then outscored the Tigers 27-17 in the second half to claim the win. Hunter White scored 12 points on two 3-pointers and a six for eight night at the free throw line, and grabbed 6 rebounds, to lead the Gamecocks, while Chase Ray added 9 points. Brody White led Samson with 10 points

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CALDWELL SIGNS.... Elba Tiger football standout Chrystyle Caldwell (center) made it official last week when he signed to continue his career at the University of South Alabama. Seated with Caldwell at the signing ceremony were his mother Arica Caldwell (left) and his grandfather Henry James (right).

Elba's Caldwell signs to continue  
football career at South Alabama

Christmas came early for Elba Tiger football stand-out Chrystyle Caldwell last Thursday afternoon in front of his family, friends, fans and coaches when he held a signing ceremony to accept a football scholarship to the University of South Alabama, in Mobile.

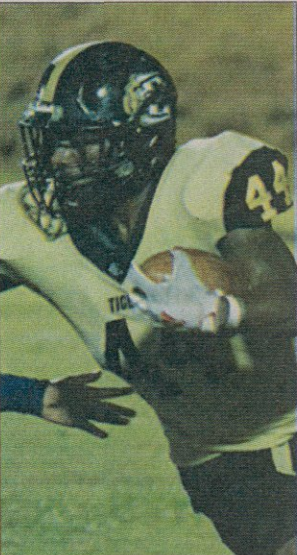
Caldwell, who will make it official this week while in Mobile to compete in the AHSAA annual North-South high school all-star game, stated he wanted to hold the early-signing to share the experience with those in his hometown.

"This is like celebrating a birthday," said Caldwell, "and I wanted to share this special day with so many people that have meant so much to me. I am excited to sign to attend South Alabama, and am also excited to share this moment with so many of my family, friends, teammates, coaches and supporters. I want to thank so many people for showing up, especially my grandfather, who is the Dad I never had and has always been there to help me, and

of course my Mom, who always did whatever it took to make sure I was able to grow into a man and did her best to give me everything I needed to be successful in everything I did. All of this despite being a single Mom."

Elba Tiger head coach Marc Sieving told the large gathering "I could stand here and impress you with his statistics and tell you what an outstanding football player he is and will be in college, but I believe it is more important to tell you the impact he has had on our program and the players in the program, and the impact his family, friends, coaches and supporters have had on him. This is an exciting day and one that he wanted to share with all of you."

"I have no regrets in my decision to attend South Alabama," added Caldwell. "I feel I made the right decision for me. I have been committed to South Alabama for a long time, and while I could have changed my commitment and signed with other



Elba's Chrystyle Caldwell will play Friday, Dec. 17, in the AHSAA annual North-South football game in Mobile, Ala. As a member of the South All-Star team, Caldwell will play Defensive End/Linebacker. Kickoff for the game is 7 p.m. at Hancock Whitney Stadium.

Elba and Zion Chapel ranked in prep poll

The Alabama Sports Writers Association released its first high school basketball poll of the season last week and included in the weekly statewide poll in Class 2A were the Elba Tigers and Zion Chapel, Rebels.

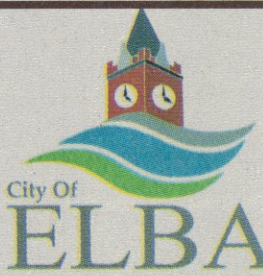
The ninth-ranked Tigers got off to a fast 2-0 start in opening week action to

equal their win total of last season, while the seventh-ranked Rebels boasted an 8-3 record after three busy weeks of play.

Standings include (Boys) Class 7A – 1. Grissom (8. Enterprise). Class 6A – 1. Mt. Brook (4. Eufaula). Class 5A – 1. Lee Huntsville (5. Charles Henderson, 9. Carroll). Class 4A – 1. Williamson. Class 3A – 1. Cottage Hill. Class 2A – 1. Midfield (5. Geneva County, 7. Zion

Chapel, 9. Elba). Class 1A – 1. Decatur Heritage (2. Georgiana, 8. Red Level). (Girls) Class 7A 1. - Hoover. Class 6A - 1. Hazel Green. Class 5A - 1. Charles Henderson. Class 4A - 1. Deshler. Class 3A - 1. Prattville Christian. Class 2A - 1. Pisgah (3. G.W. Long). Class 1A - 1. Skyline (2. Georgiana, 8. Red Level).

The statewide poll is released each Thursday to all state newspapers.



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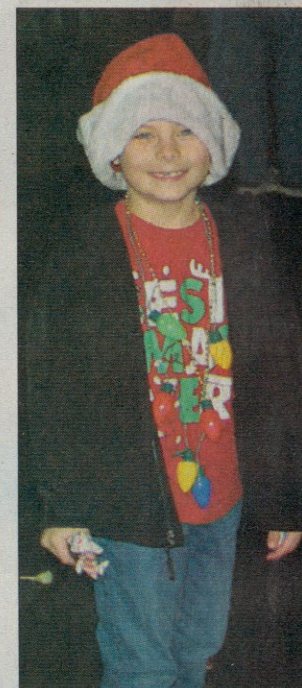
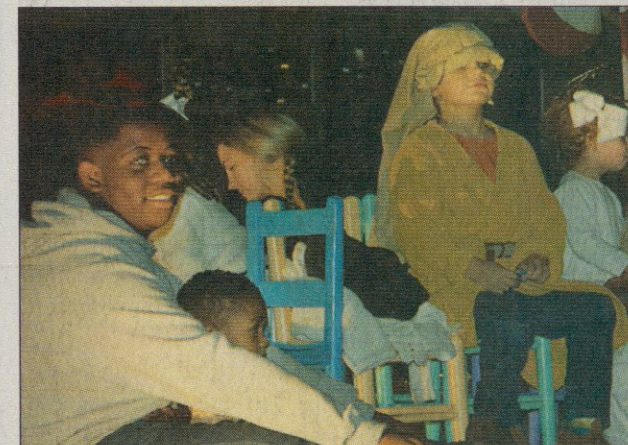
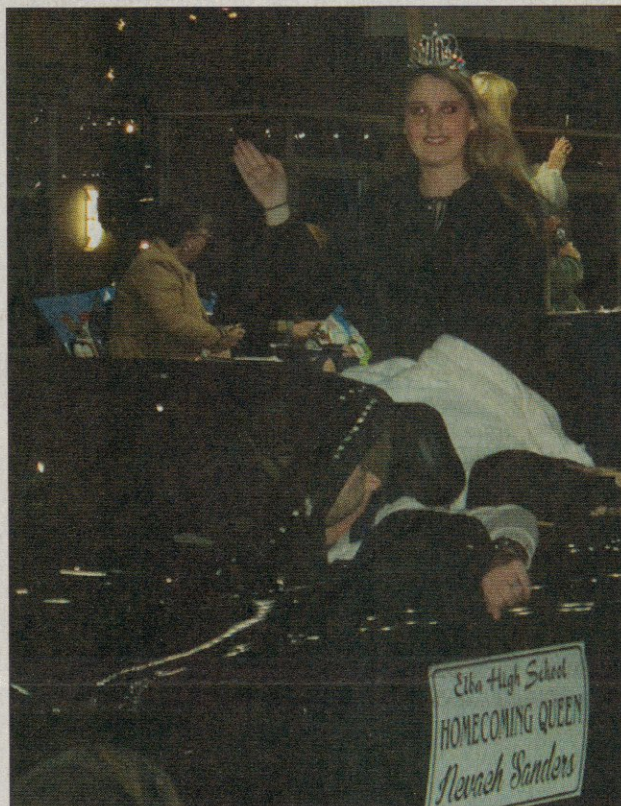
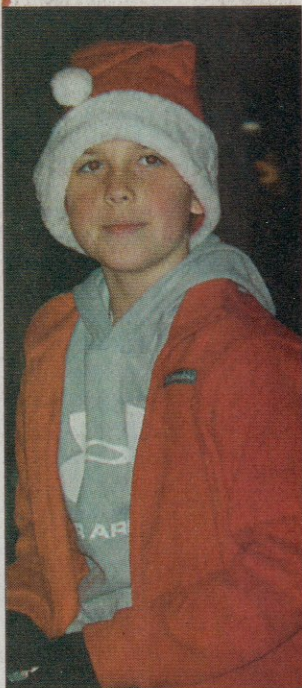
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